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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 29, 2005

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In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2005, Applicant submits this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant petitions for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including December 29, 2005. A check in the amount of \$450.00 for a two-month extension of time is included. Applicant hereby authorizes and instructs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 064552.0237) of Baker Botts

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